

# **Title: Realisation Crises and the Polarisation of Capital**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The paper was originally produced for a study group looking at the economic crisis in Britain in the late '70s. It investigates the relationship between the realisation conditions of the aggregate social capital and the dynamics of individual capitals.

It introduces a conceptual framework based on phase plan diagrams for reasoning about the relationship between the gearing ratio and the rate of accumulation of individual capitals. Using this it argues that the dynamics of financial crises produce a polarisation process of capital that precipitates rentiers at one pole and bankrupts at the other.